(c) whether UGC has failed to monitor the system of award of degrees by Universities and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Private Institutes for Rural Management

3415. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy for encouraging private participation in opening institutes for rural management;

(b) if so, whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard; and

(c) how many such permissions have been given for Gautam Budh Nagar district in U.P.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education (1986) envisions encouragement of private sector initiatives in the field of education. However, there is no specific policy relating to opening of Institutes for Rural Management.

(c) As per the information furnished by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), they have not so far given permission for establishment of any Institute for Rural Management in the Gautam Budh Nagar District in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Universities in Union Territories

3416. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of universities located in Union Territories;

(b) the number of students in different disciplines of all such universities from the UTs, neighbouring States, State-wise and elsewhere, separately; and

(c) the ratio, proportion and actual financial assistance provided to respective Ministries, the UTs and neighbouring States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) A list of universities located in Union Territories is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).